

THOMAS ERIC EMBRY

Associate Justice: 1975-1985

BORN: June 14, 1921; Pell City, Alabama

DIED: January 12, 1992; Pell City, Alabama



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A native of Pell City, Alabama, Thomas Eric Embry, earned his undergraduate and his law degree from the University of Alabama after serving in the United States Army in the Pacific Theater of World War II. In 1947, he began practicing law with his father in Pell City. He then became a member of the Beddow, Embry and Beddow law firm in Birmingham. Embry represented the *New York Times* before the Supreme Court of the United States in the landmark case, *New York Times v. Sullivan*.

In November 1974, Embry was elected to serve on the Supreme Court of Alabama, succeeding Justice Daniel T. McCall, Jr., who retired at the end of his term. Embry was reelected in 1982 and retired in 1985 to return to the private practice of law.

A fellow in the International Society of Barristers, Embry was also a past president of the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association and a member of the American Judicature Society.

Embry married Bedford Heard Stall, and they had two daughters.

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